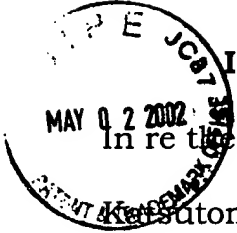


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 2, 2002

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official Action mailed December 6, 2001. The Official Action mailed December 6, 2001, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time extends the period of response to May 6, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00 (FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS) is attached hereto for payment of the extension of time fee.

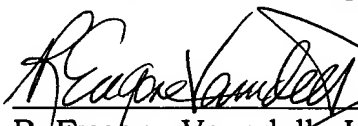
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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefore, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,  
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